Delhi on December 4, 1985 Government propose to undertake a survey of all the chemical factories in Delhi to study the safety measures adopted by them;

(b) whether any directive has been issued to shift these factories away from crowded localities;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry into the gas leakage incident referred to in part (a) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH): (a) to (d) Delhi Administration have set up a High Level Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri N. K. Sethuraman General Manager, Engineers India Ltd. to go into the causes of leakage of Oleum its after effects and to fix responsibility for the accident and also to advise whether the factory should be shifted away from the present location in densely populated area. The Committee has been asked to submit its report within one month. In so far as other hazardous industries in Delhi are concerned, the Expert Committee earlier appointed is expected to undertake a survey of the hazardous chemical units in Delhi and submit its recommendations regarding safety aspects in respect of those units.

Export price of tea grown in Kerala

2984. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the tea producers of Kerala to the effect that export price of tea grown in Kerala is less than its actual cost of production; and

(b) if so, what remedial measures, if any, Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) No, Sir. During the period January to October, 1985 the average unit value realisation of tea exports from Cochin Port has been quite high at Rs. 29.57 per kg.

(b) Does not arise.

NTC (WBABO)

2985. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of the National Textile Corporation (WBABO) Limited, Calcutta has sought further financial support for completion of the ongoing projects for modernisation and expansion of its various units;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the percentage of increase in expenditure on modernisation of each such project; and

(d) what further steps are being taken to expedite the completion of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and b) NTC (WBABO) Ltd., Calcutta have asked the NTC (Holding Company) for release of about Rs. 85 lakhs, for balancing equipment, under approved modernisation schemes.

(c) Modernisation is a continuous process. The National Textile Corporation (Holding Company) has sanctioned escalation in expenditure on modernisation schemes of each of the eighteen mills. The mill-wise escalation in respect of completed schemes is given in the statement attached (see below).

(d) Implementation on modernisation is closely monitored and suitable action taken wherever necessary.